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SUBJECT: REPS OF UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA CALL ON IAEA

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS FULL TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED
APRIL 29 BY MISSION OF UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA FOLLOWING ITS CALL
ON OFFICIALS OF IAEA. TEXT ASSERTS INTER ALIA THAT MISSION WILL
QUOTE "TAKE STEPS TO ASSUME THE COUNCIL'S RIGHTFUL PLACE WITHIN
THE IAEA AS A FULL MEMBER, TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF NAMIBIA.
UNQUOTE. MISSION COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY

1. THE MISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA CURRENTLY
IN EUROPE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH UNITED NATIONS BODIES WITH
HEADQUARTERS IN THAT CONTINENT TODAY, ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS
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COMMUNIQUE:

2. THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA, AT PRESENT IN VIENNA,
HELD CONSULTATIONS WITH IAEA. IT EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION TO
HELIO BITTENCOURT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE IAEA, FOR
ASSIGNING FOR THE CONSULTATIONS A TEAM OF SENIOR STAFF.

3. AT THE OUTSET OF THE CONSULTATIONS, THE CHAIRMAN VLADIMIR PAVICEVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) EMPHASIZED THE ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL NATURE OF THE MISSION.

4. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA REPRESENTED NAMIBIA IN ALL FIELDS UNTIL INDEPENDENCE AND THAT SWAPO, AS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IS THE SOLE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

5. ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL, HE STATED, ON BEHALF OF THE MISSION, IS THE THREAT POSED BY THE AMBITIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA TO BECOME A NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE. THE COUNCIL, HE SAID, IS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT ONLY ILLEGALLY EXPLOITING NAMIBIA'S URANIUM RESOURCES, THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, BUT, PERHAPS UTILIZING THOSE RESOURCES FOR WEAPON PURPOSES.

6. THE MISSION EXPRESSED ITS UNEQUIVOCAL POSITION, THAT OF THE COUNCIL, AND, INDEED, THAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS A WHOLE, THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IS THE SOLE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR NAMIBIA, UNTIL INDEPENDENCE, AND THE FACT THAT NEITHER LEGALLY, POLITICALLY, NOR MORALLY COULD SOUTH AFRICA PURPORT TO REPRESENT NAMIBIA IN THE IAEA, IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY OR, FOR THAT MATTER, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

7. THE MISSION STATED ITS INTENTION TO TAKE STEPS TO ASSUME THE COUNCIL'S RIGHTFUL PLACE WITHIN THE IAEA AS A FULL MEMBER, TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF NAMIBIA. THIS WAS NOT MERELY A UNCLASSIFIED

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QUESTION OF LEGALITY. IT WAS A POLITICAL AND MORAL IMPERATIVE. SOUTH AFRICA CAPRICIOUSLY EXPLOITS THE RESOURCES OF NAMIBIA, ILLEGALLY PRETENDS TO REPRESENT NAMIBIA IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS IAEA, AND CRIMINALLY UTILIZES INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO PRESERVE AND ENTRENCH ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA, AN OCCUPATION CHARACTERIZED BY MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE WHICH HAD NOW BROUGHT ABOUT A WAR SITUATION THERE, ADVERSELY AFFECTING NEIGHBOR STATES.

8. THE MISSION STRESSED THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO UNDERMINE AND OVERCOME SOUTH AFRICA'S ILLEGAL PRETENSIONS TO REPRESENT NAMIBIA IN THE IAEA, AND EVERYWHERE ELSE.

9. THE MISSION REITERATED ITS REQUEST TO THE IAEA TO CONTINUE TO BRING TO THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP, AND OTHER RELATED BODIES, THE DECREE NUMBER ONE OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ON NAMIBIAN RESOURCES, EMPHASIZING THAT THE COUNCIL

IS THE SOLE LEGAL AUTHORITY REGARDING NAMIBIAN RESOURCES, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF A TRULY INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA WOULD NOT BE BOUND BY ANY AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY COMMERCIAL CONCERNS WITH THE ILLEGAL SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AND WOULD BE FREE TO TAKE ANY ACTION IT DEEMED FIT AGAINST CONCERNS COLLABORATING WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN ITS PLUNDER AND THAT THE COUNCIL WILL, IN THE MEANTIME, VIGOROUSLY SEEK MEANS TO PROSECUTE THOSE INVOLVED.

10. THE MISSION EMPHASIZED THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF THIS FIRM REQUEST IN TERMS OF THE ILLEGAL AND EXPANDING EXPLOITATION, UNILATERALLY, BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY, OF THE NAMIBIAN URANIUM RESERVES.

11. THE IAEA STATED THAT DUE TO CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY ITS STATUTE, IT COULD ONLY APPLY SAFEGUARDS WHEN THERE WAS A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH A MEMBER STATE. IN CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA
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WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA DID NOT SUPPLY THE IAEA ANY INFORMATION, KEPT ITS OPERATIONS IN NAMIBIAN MINES IN COMPLETE SECRECY AND DID NOT ALLOW IAEA INSPECTORS OR EXPERTS INTO THE COUNTRY.

12. IN THIS REGARD THE MISSION EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE IMPLICATIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ILLEGAL EXPLOITATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS, OF NAMIBIA'S URANIUM RESERVES. THE IMPLICATIONS INVOLVE MILITARY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL CONCEPTS.

13. IN REGARD TO URANIUM IN NAMIBIA, THE MISSION NOTES THAT NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE IAEA FROM ANY MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENT. THE FOLLOWING IS COMPILED EITHER FROM TECHNICAL PRESS REPORTS OR FROM INTERPRETATION OF GENERALIZED TOTALS:

14. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ROSSING DEPOSIT CONTAINS AT LEAST 100,000 SHORT TONS U3O8 (77,000 TONS URANIUM). IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT THE FIGURE MAY MORE ACCURATELY BE 120,000 SHORT TONS U3O8. THIS WOULD HAVE A CONTENT VALUE ON PRESENT PRICES OF APPROXIMATELY TEN BILLION US DOLLARS. THE PRESENTLY PLANNED PRODUCTION IS

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6,000 TONS U3O8 WHICH WOULD HAVE A VALUE ON PRESENT PRICES OF
APPROXIMATELY 530 MILLION DOLLARS PER ANNUM. IT IS UNDERSTOOD
THAT PRODUCTION MAY RISE TO AT LEAST 10,000 SHORT TONS URANIUM
DURING THE 1980'S. THESE FIGURES WOULD APPEAR TO GIVE ROSSING
A LIFE OF ABOUT 20 YEARS AT THE HEIGHT OF THE URANIUM DEMAND
PERIOD. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT URANIUM DEMAND IS EXPECTED TO
DIMINISH IN ABOUT 30 TO 40 YEARS TIME.

15. THE FOLLOWING ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN
EXPLOITING ROSSING AND OTHER FIELDS: RIO TINTO MANAGEMENT
SERVICES, SOUTH AFRICA; GENERAL MINING; UNION CARBIDE; UTAH
INTERNATIONAL'S SUBSIDIARY, SOUTHERN SPHERE EXPLORATION; GOLD
FIELDS OF SOUTH AFRICA; ANGLO AMERICAN; CIE FRANCAIS DES PETROLES;
AQUITANE; JOHANNESBURG CONSOLIDATED INVESTMENT.

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16. THE MISSION EXPRESSES ITS ADHORRENCE OVER THE IMMORALITY AND
INHUMANITY OF THOSE INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS, APPARENTLY BACKED,
IN SOME CASES BY GOVERNMENTAL POLICY, WHICH NOT ONLY ARE STEALING
FROM THE NAMIBIANS BUT ACTUALLY ENCOURAGE SOUTH AFRICA IN ITS WAR
AGAINST THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, IT APPEALS TO ENLIGHTENED WORLD
PUBLIC OPINION TO SUPPORT THE JUST CAUSE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE,

FULLY BACKED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, IN ENDING THIS DISASTROUS
COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

17. THE MISSION DREW TO IAEA'S ATTENTION THE CONCEPT OF A
UNITED NATIONS INNER QUOTE NATIONHOOD PROGRAMME CLOSE INNER
UNQUOTE FOR NAMIBIA, A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, THE AIM OF WHICH
WAS TO ASSESS AND FULFILL BOTH THE SHORT AND LONG TERM NEEDS
OF NAMIBIA BEFORE AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

18. THE MISSION EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE IAEA WOULD BE ABLE
TO SUBMIT A BROAD OUTLINE, PREFERABLY BY JUNE 1977, FOR INCLUSION
IN THE COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR USE
WITHIN THE NATIONHOOD PROGRAMME. SUCH BLUEPRINT SHOULD INCLUDE
WHATEVER POSSIBILITIES, SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM, EXISTED FOR
THE TRAINING OF NAMIBIANS, THROUGH CONSULTATION WITH SWAPO,
IN THE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE OF THE IAEA, IN PARTICULAR REGARDING
URANIUM MINING AND MANAGEMENT IN THAT FIELD.

19. THE MISSION WISHES TO PLACE ON PUBLIC RECORD ITS
APPRECIATION OF THE IAEA SECRETARIAT TEAM FOR ITS STATED
WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF PROVIDING IAEA AS-
SISTANCE WHEREEVER FEASIBLE, WITHIN BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS,
AND TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF THE POSITION OF IAEA GOVERNING
BODIES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF NAMIBIA, A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. IF
SUCH PROVISION IS POSSIBLE, IT WILL BE STRICTLY WITHIN THE
CONTEXT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS
IN NAMIBIA AND IN FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL AND
SWAPO. THE MISSION NOTED THAT SUCH POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE
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ENORMOUSLY ENHANCED WHEN THE COUNCIL TAKES ITS RIGHTFUL
PLACE WITHIN THE IAEA STRUCTURE, REPRESENTING NAMIBIA UNTIL
INDEPENDENCE.

20. PETER KATJAVIVI, SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION OF SWAPO,
PRESENTED TO THE IAEA SECRETARIAT A STATEMENT OF SWAPO'S
POLICY REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA'S ILLEGAL EXPLOITATION OF ITS
URANIUM RESOURCES. THIS HAS BEEN ISSUED IN A SWAPO PRESS
RELEASE.

21. THE MISSION IS COMPOSED OF VLADIMIR PAVICEVIC (YUGOSLAVIA),
CHAIRMAN; RONALD S. MORRIS (AUSTRALIA); TAPIO SAARELA (FINLAND);
SUSHIL DUBEY (INDIA); NCHEMUNYA J. SIKAULU (ZAMBIA) AND
PETER KATJAVIVI OF SWAPO. UNQUOTE.STONE

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